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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims Pending: Claims 4, 8, 11, 16-22, and 23-31.

Claims Allowed in Parent Case: Claims 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-15.

Presently Canceled or Withdrawn claims: 31.

Presently Amended claims: 1, 3, 4, 16-19, 22, 23, 30.

Newly added claims: none.

Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized method for managing a directed labeled graph, comprising:

generating the directed labeled graph;

generating a spider cursor of the directed labeled graph; and

navigating through the directed labeled graph using the spider cursor.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computerized method for managing a directed labeled graph as in claim 1, wherein the directed labeled graph is selected from the group consisting of conceptual schemas, metaschemas, and instance data.

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3. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computerized method for managing a graph comprising:

generating a spider cursor of the graph; and

navigating through the graph using the spider cursor.

4. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The computerized method for managing a graph, as in claim 3, further comprising generating a constraint graph, the constraint graph having at least one constraint on the managing of the graph and wherein the generating a spider cursor further comprises the spider cursor being associated with the constraint graph.

5. **(CANCELED)**

6. **(CANCELED)**

7. **(CANCELED)**

8. **(ORIGINAL)** The computerized method for managing a graph, as in claim 3, further comprising:

adding a linked node to the graph;

detaching a linked node from the graph;

9. **(CANCELED)**

10. **(CANCELED)**

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11. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A computerized system comprising:

a directed labeled graph having node and links;

an annotated schema runtime engine operably coupled to the directed labeled graph; and

an apparatus having at least one variable bound to a node or link in the directed labeled graph operably coupled to the annotated schema runtime engine, wherein the apparatus has at least one variable bound to a node or link in the directed labeled graph comprises:

an annotated schema runtime interface; and

an annotated schema runtime cursor interface.

12. **(CANCELED)**

13. **(CANCELED)**

14. **(CANCELED)**

15. **(CANCELED)**

16. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to a cause a computer to perform a method comprising:

generating a spider cursor of a graph;

navigating in the graph using the spider cursor; and

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retrieving data from nodes.

17. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A system managing graph data, comprising:

a processor;

a storage device coupled to the processor, having graph data stored thereon, the graph data selected from the group consisting of conceptual schemas, metaschemas, and instance data; and

software means operative on the processor for:

generating a spider cursor of the graph data; and

navigating through the graph data using the spider cursor.

18. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure comprising:

a graph having a plurality of nodes and links; and

at least one variable bound to one of the plurality of nodes and links, wherein the data structure is capable of having at least two variables bound to one of the plurality of nodes and links.

19. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure as in claim 4, wherein:

the linked list further comprises a graph; and

the bound variable further comprises ~~a graph~~ the spider cursor.

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20. **(ORIGINAL)** The computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure as in claim 19, wherein the bound variable is bound using a restriction.

21. **(ORIGINAL)** The computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure as in claim 4, wherein the bound variable is associated with a constraint graph.

22. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure for referencing a subset of data in a directed label graph, comprising:

a plurality of legs identifying a selected subset of nodes in the graph; and

a spider cursor used to point to said selected subset of nodes.

23. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for implementing a spider system, comprising:

an annotated schema runtime interface (IASR) application program interface configured as a software module to interface with an annotated schema runtime engine and to handle requests from a client for a spider cursor function; and

an annotated schema runtime interface (IASR) cursor application program interface configured as a software module to interface with an annotated schema runtime engine and to handle requests from a client for a spider cursor function.

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24. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** An annotated schema runtime interface (IASR) cursor application program interface configured as a software module to interface with an annotated schema runtime engine and to create a new node in a graph from information comprising a variable and a constraint.

25. **(ORIGINAL)** The IASR cursor application program interface as in claim 24 further comprising an IASR cursor application program interface for storing new nodes and links.

26. **(ORIGINAL)** The IASR cursor application program interface as in claim 24 further comprising an IASR cursor application program interface for finding the first node or link in the graph in reference to the constraint from information comprising a variable specifying the first node or link in the graph, with respect to the current sort order.

27. **(ORIGINAL)** The IASR cursor application program interface as in claim 24 further comprising an IASR cursor application program interface for finding the last node or link in the graph in reference to the constraint from information comprising a variable specifying the last node or link in the graph, with respect to the current sort order.

28. **(ORIGINAL)** The IASR cursor application program interface as in claim 24 further comprising an IASR cursor application program interface for finding the next node or link in the graph in reference to the constraint from

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information comprising a variable specifying the next node or link in the graph, with respect to the current sort order.

29. **(ORIGINAL)** The IASR cursor application program interface as in claim 24 further comprising an IASR cursor application program interface for finding the previous node or link in the graph in reference to the constraint from information comprising a variable specifying the previous node or link in the graph, with respect to the current sort order.

30. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A data structure stored on a computer-readable medium for a schema comprising:

a field storing data representing an entity;

a field storing data representing a relation; and

a field storing data representing a value;

wherein the field storing data representing an entity further comprises a field storing a name that is unique within an associated namespace; and wherein the field storing data representing a relation provides a context that associates the field storing data representing and entity and the field storing data representing a value in a meaningful fashion.

31. **(CANCELED)**

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